

Application No.: 10/530,350



Docket No.: M1885.0052/P052

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
Roberto Baruchello et al.

Application No.: 10/530,350

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Art Unit: 2859

For: TOUCH PROBE COMPRISING A SWITCH
WITH CONTACTS PROTECTED BY INERT
GAS

Examiner: Yaritza Guadalupe

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicants have reviewed the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance and wish to submit the following remarks. The Statement paraphrases several limitations from independent claim 1 as reasons for allowance of claims 1-11. Applicants wish to point out that independent claim 1 contains other limitations which, in combination with the limitations paraphrased in the Statement, render claim 1 allowable. Moreover, dependent claims 2-11 recite limitations which, in combination with their base claim, render the dependent claims allowable.

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Otherwise, Applicants agree with the Statement that the allowed claims distinguish over the prior art.

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Respectfully submitted,

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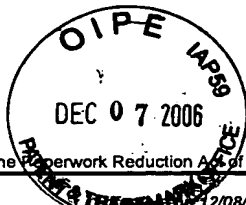
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FEE TRANSMITTAL
For FY 2006☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27**TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT** (\$) 1,700.00**Complete if Known**

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FEE CALCULATION**1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES**

Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		Fees Paid (\$)
	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

Fee Description	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)
Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)	50	25
Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)	200	100
Multiple dependent claims	360	180

Total Claims **Extra Claims** **Fee (\$)** **Fee Paid (\$)**
11 - 20 = _____ x _____ = _____

HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20.

Indep. Claims **Extra Claims** **Fee (\$)** **Fee Paid (\$)**
1 - 3 = _____ x _____ = _____

HP = highest number of independent claims paid for, if greater than 3.

Multiple Dependent Claims
Fee (\$) **Fee Paid (\$)**

3. APPLICATION SIZE FEE

If the specification and drawings exceed 100 sheets of paper (excluding electronically filed sequence or computer listings under 37 CFR 1.52(e)), the application size fee due is \$250 (\$125 for small entity) for each additional 50 sheets or fraction thereof. See 35 U.S.C. 41(a)(1)(G) and 37 CFR 1.16(s).

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4. OTHER FEE(S)

Non-English Specification, \$130 fee (no small entity discount)

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1504 Publication fee for early, voluntary, or normal ...

Fees Paid (\$)

1,400.00

300.00

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